

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 84-17 (AS AMENDED)

Introduced by Council Member Fielder
Legislative Day No. 84-9 Date March 20, 1984

AN ACT to add new Division 17 A, heading, Environmental Advisory Board, to Article XII, heading, Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Committees, of Chapter 2, heading, Administration, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for the creation of an Environmental Advisory Board; to provide for the powers and duties of the Board; and to further provide that the Board shall advise the County Executive and the County Council on environmental issues of concern to the citizens of Harford County.

By the Council, March 20, 1984

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled
on: April 17, 1984
at: 7:30 P.M.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on April 17, 1984 and concluded on April 17, 1984.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County,
2 Maryland, that new Division 17 A, heading, Environmental Advisory
3 Board, be, and is hereby added to Article XII, heading, Agencies,
4 Boards, Commissions and Committees, of Chapter 2, heading,
5 Administration, of the Harford County Code, as amended, all to
6 read as follows:

7 Chapter 2. Administration.

8 Article XII. Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Committees.

9 Division 17 A. Environmental Advisory Board.

10 Section 2-245.1. Created.

11 There is hereby created an Environmental Advisory Board for
12 Harford County. The Board shall consist of nine (9) members, all
13 of whom shall be residents of Harford County. Members of the Board
14 shall be selected generally to be representative of organizations
15 and technical professions concerned with environmental issues.
16 affecting Harford County and the State of Maryland. Members shall
17 AND TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS. MEMBERS SHALL generally be drawn from
18 the following: existing conservation and environmental groups,
19 agricultural community, HOMEBUILDERS ASSOCIATION, major county
20 institutions (Aberdeen Proving Ground, SUCH AS CONSULTING
21 ENGINEERS, Harford Community College, etc.), and diverse geographic
22 areas of the County and citizens at large. Members of the Board
23 shall be appointed by the County MEMBERS SHALL BE DRAWN FROM THE
24 FOLLOWING: EXISTING CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS, THE
25 AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY, THE HOMEBUILDERS ASSOCIATIONS, CONSULTING
26 ENGINEERS, TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS, MAJOR COUNTY INSTITUTIONS, AND
27 CITIZENS AT LARGE. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE
28 COUNTY Executive and confirmed by the County Council pursuant to
29 Section 412 of the Charter.

30 Section 2-245.2. Terms.

31 Members of the Board shall serve a term coterminous with that
32 of THE BOARD SHALL TERMINATE ON JULY 17 1985 AND EACH YEAR

1 THEREAFTER ON JULY 1ST, UNLESS CONTINUED BY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
2 TAKEN BY the County Executive and the County Council. The Director
3 of MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE
4 COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, UNLESS BY RESOLUTION, THE
5 COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ENDS THE BOARD'S TENURE ON
6 OR BEFORE THE 1ST OF JULY IN ANY GIVEN YEAR. THE DIRECTOR OF
7 Planning, The Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of
8 Public Works, and the local Health Officer or their designees
9 shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of the Board. One member
10 of the Environmental Advisory Board shall serve as an ex-officio
11 to the Planning Advisory Board.

12 Section 2-245.3. Compensation.

13 The members of the Board shall serve without compensation
14 provided that members may be reimbursed by the County for
15 reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of
16 their duties.

17 Section 2-245.4. Officers.

18 The officers of the Board shall consist of a chairperson,
19 appointed by the County Executive, and a vice-chairperson, elected
20 annually by the members of the Board from among its voting members.

21 Section 2-245.5 Vacancies.

22 All vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment by
23 the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council for the
24 unexpired term of the original appointee.

25 Section 2-245.6. Meetings; Quorum; Rules.

26 a. The Board shall meet at least bi-monthly and at such
27 times as necessary to carry out its functions.

28 b. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the
29 purpose of conducting business.

30 c. The Board may adopt such rules as are necessary to
31 govern its business.

32 Section 2-245.7. Purpose.

1 The purpose of the Board shall be: to advise the County
2 Executive and the County Council on environmental issues of concern
3 to the citizens of Harford County; to encourage the preservation
4 and protection of the natural environment of the County; to work
5 with federal, state, or local agencies, boards or commissions, or
6 private organizations in furthering the goal of preserving and
7 protecting the environment of the County and encouraging
8 cooperation in their efforts.

9 Section 2-245.8. Duties - Responsibilities.

10 a. The Board shall:

11 (i) Review management recommendations that have evolved
12 from the summary reports of the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program. These
13 recommendations shall include, but are not limited to, the
14 Governor's initiatives and the legislative package prepared by the
15 Environmental Matters Committee of the House of Delegates.

16 Evaluate these initiatives in light of their effects on Harford
17 County. Develop recommendations that will lead to local government
18 implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Program recommendations.

19 GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVES AND THE REGULATIONS PREPARED BY THE
20 MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THE MARYLAND STATE
21 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF
22 HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE. THE BOARD SHALL EVALUATE THESE
23 INITIATIVES AND REGULATIONS IN LIGHT OF THEIR EFFECTS ON HARFORD
24 COUNTY, AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL LEAD TO LOCAL
25 GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM
26 RECOMMENDATIONS.

27 (ii) Review and comment on major County plans prior to
28 adoption to ensure that environmental concerns are adequately
29 addressed. These plans shall include the Master Plan, Open Space
30 Plan, Watershed Plans, Storm Water Management Plan, Flood
31 Management Plan, Comprehensive Water and Sewer Master Plan, Solid
32 Waste Management Plan, and Major Road Plans.

1 (iii) Assist government and private organizations in
2 educating the citizens of Harford County on issues concerning the
3 environment.

4 (b) At the request of the County Executive or the County
5 Council, the Board shall:

6 (i) Monitor and review proposed County legislation
7 and administrative rules and regulations which may have a
8 significant impact on the environment of the County and make such
9 recommendations as necessary.

10 c. The County Executive, upon the Board's request, may
11 authorize the Board to:

12 (i) Study, evaluate, and recommend to the County
13 Executive on any matter which may have a significant impact on the
14 natural environment of the County.

15 Section 2-245.9. Reports.

16 The Board shall annually submit a report to the County
17 Executive and County Council. The report shall contain a summary
18 of all activities of the Board for the preceding year and shall
19 contain recommendations and evaluations of activities taking place
20 in the County on subjects which fall within the general functions
21 of the Board. The Board may issue such other reports as it may
22 deem necessary.

23 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that this Act shall take
24 effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

25 EFFECTIVE: July 2, 1984
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BY THE COUNCIL

AS AMENDED

BILL NO. 84-17 (as amended)

Read the third time.

Passed LSD 94-13 (May 1, 1984) (with amendments)

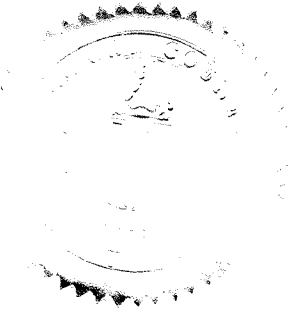
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By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 2nd day of May, 1984
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Angela Markowski, Secretary



BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

[Signature]
County Executive
Date 5-3-84

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 84-17, as amended), having been approved by
the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on
May 3, 1984.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 2, 1984

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